Death of Tigresses in Corbett National Park

†3726. SHRI MANGANl LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that four tigresses died mysteriously in the Corbett National Park and forest division of Rampur during last three-four months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on 9th January, 2006 one tigress in Aam Danda Beat of Bijarni Range and between February, 2006 to 7th March, 2006 two tigresses in buffer zone were found dead in suspicious conditions;

(c) whether it is also a fact that both dead tigresses were of younger age and proper investigation through any reliable agency has not been made, so far, for their suspicious death; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Death of three tigresses from Corbett Tiger Reserve and a tigress from Ramnagar Forest Division between January, 2006 to March, 2006 has come to notice.

(c) and (d) Spot appraisal/field visits were done by a team of experts/ officials from the Wildlife Institute of India as well as the Ministry of Environment & Forests. Though postmortem reports indicate death on account of wounds no conclusive evidence leading to mortality was found. Since the possibility of man-animal conflicts exist in the area, the State Government has been advised for taking necessary measures to ensure adequate protection of wild animals.

Ganga Action Plan

3727. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first phase of the Ganga Action Plan is already 18 years behind schedule, if so, what are the details thereof indicating the original and the revised schedule thereof;

(b) the details of the items of work, so far, completed under the Plan, and the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(c) the cost excalation so far, incurred by the Plan projects, item-wise?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.